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SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN REPRESENTATION IN MOROCCO

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1. PLO IS REPRESENTED IN RABAT BY A FULL-TIME OFFICE.
2. DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT IS UNKNOWN BUT IT IS PROBABLY LONG-STANDING. KING HASSAN STATED PUBLICLY TO THE PARISIAN PAPER FRANCE SOIR ON NOVEMBER 9, 1977 THAT ONLY MOROCCO AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE CONSISTENTLY PROVIDED FINANCIAL AID TO THE PLO SINCE 1971.
3. THE OFFICE IS NOT AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION OFFICE NOR IS IT ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST. PLO REPRESENTATIVES ARE OFTEN INVITED TO DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS SPONSORED BY ARAB AND COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. THEY HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO GOM MINISTERS AND THE LEADERSHIP OF MOROCCAN POLITICAL PARTIES. WE BELIEVE THE GOM ACCORDS THEM SOME PRIVILEGES BUT WE DO NOT HAVE SPECIFICS.
4. WE KNOW OF TWO STAFF MEMBERS: ABU MARWAN (AN ALIAS), CHIEF SINCE 1973, AND HIS AID, WASFI MANSOUR. IT IS REPORTED THAT

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PALESTINIAN STUDENTS HERE ON GOM SCHOLARSHIPS OCCASIONALLY SUPPLEMENT THE STAFF. THERE IS IN ADDITION AN ACTIVE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHICH HAS MANY PROMINENT MOROCCANS AS MEMBERS AND PROVIDES VALUABLE PUBLICITY, FUND RAISING AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE PLO.

5. KING HASSAN FROWNS ON PALESTINIAN SPLINTER GROUPS AND, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH 1974 RABAT SUMMIT AGREEMENT, RECOGNIZES
PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. OVER THE
YEARS HE HAS SOUGHT TO DEVELOP TIES WITH MODERATE FATAH
ELEMENTS. PLO REP MARWAN IS A FATAH MEMBER.
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